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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/531,969 - Small Entity Status  
Title: GENE THERAPY FOR REGULATING SMOOTH MUSCLE TONE  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified patent application in the names of Jan Geliebter, George J. Christ, Arnold Melman, and Jamil Rehman, entitled GENE THERAPY FOR REGULATING SMOOTH MUSCLE TONE, comprising the following:

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment And Petition For A Three Month Extension Of Time (6 pages), including a Declaration of Dr. George J. Christ (4 pages) (Exhibit A);
3. Information Disclosure Statement, including form PTO/SB/08A-B (2 pages) (Exhibit B), references cited (Exhibits 1-10) and a copy of a Supplementary Partial European Search Report (Exhibit 11);

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